

1. A method for securing an imaging job, the method comprising:
  - performing an access control function relating to a document;
  - performing an auditing function relating to the document;
  - generating an imaging job from the document;
  - encrypting content of the imaging job such that a downstream non-content dependent process will still properly process the imaging job;
  - decrypting the encrypted content by a recipient;
  - encoding into imaging output non-destructible information; and
  - erasing residual data that relates to the imaging job.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the auditing function comprises providing reduced content of at least one descriptive aspect of the content and storing the reduced content in secured storage.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the imaging job from a client to the recipient, and wherein the transmitting is performed in between the encrypting and the decrypting.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the actions are performed in the order as listed.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the access control function determines if a user has authorization to perform a certain operation by using access control information.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the access control information comprises data that is selected from the group consisting of a login identification, a department code, client device identification, recipient device identification, imaging operation, meta-data, a serial number, a network address, a digital signature and biometric data.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the access control function determines authorized content and causes the authorized content to be processed to create the imaging job.
8. The method of claim 2, further comprising generating an audit trail and storing the audit trail information.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the non-destructible information encoded into the imaging output comprises tracking information.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein the tracking information comprises client tracking information and imaging device tracking information.
11. A system configured to implement a method for securing an imaging job, the system comprising:
  - a client device;
  - client executable instructions executable on the client device, wherein the client executable instructions are configured to implement a method comprising:
    - performing an access control function relating to a document;
    - performing an auditing function relating to the document;
    - generating an imaging job from the document;
    - encrypting content of the imaging job such that a downstream non-content dependent process will still properly process the imaging job; and
    - erasing first residual data that relates to the imaging job.
- a recipient device; and
- recipient executable instructions executable on the recipient device, wherein the recipient executable instructions are configured to implement a method comprising:
  - decrypting the encrypted content;
  - encoding into imaging output non-destructible information; and
  - erasing second residual data that relates to the imaging job.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the auditing function comprises providing reduced content of at least one descriptive aspect of the content and storing the reduced content in secured storage.
13. The system of claim 11, wherein the method of the client executable instructions further comprises transmitting the imaging job from the client device to the recipient device, and wherein the transmitting is performed after the client device encrypts the content.
14. The system of claim 11, wherein the access control function determines if a user has authorization to perform a certain operation by using access control information.
15. The system of claim 14, wherein the access control information comprises data that is selected from the group consisting of a login identification, a department code, client device identification, recipient device identification, imaging operation, meta-data, a serial number, a network address, a digital signature and biometric data.
16. The system of claim 11, wherein the access control function determines authorized content and causes the authorized content to be processed to create the imaging job.
17. The system of claim 12, wherein the method of the client executable instructions further comprises generating an audit trail and storing the audit trail information.
18. The system of claim 11, wherein the non-destructible information encoded into the imaging output comprises tracking information.
19. The system of claim 18, wherein the tracking information comprises client tracking information, imaging device tracking information, user tracking information and content tracking information.

20. A computer-readable medium for storing program data, wherein the program data comprises executable instructions for implementing a method for securing an imaging job, the method comprising:

- performing an access control function relating to a document;
- performing an auditing function relating to the document;
- generating an imaging job from the document;
- encrypting content of the imaging job such that a downstream non-content dependent process will still properly process the imaging job;
- decrypting the encrypted content by a recipient;
- encoding into imaging output non-destructible information; and
- erasing residual data that relates to the imaging job.

21. The computer-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the auditing function comprises providing reduced content of at least one descriptive aspect of the content and storing the reduced content in secured storage.

22. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the method further comprises transmitting the imaging job from a client to the recipient, and wherein the transmitting is performed in between the encrypting and the decrypting.

23. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein the actions are performed in the order as listed.

24. The computer-readable medium of claim 23 wherein the access control function determines if a user has authorization to perform a certain operation by using access control information.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the access control information comprises data that is selected from the group consisting of a login identification, a department

code, client device identification, recipient device identification, imaging operation, meta-data, a serial number, a network address, a digital signature and biometric data.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein the access control function further determines authorized content and causes the authorized content to be processed to create the imaging job.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein the method further comprises generating an audit trail and storing the audit trail information.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the non-destructible information encoded into the imaging output comprises tracking information.